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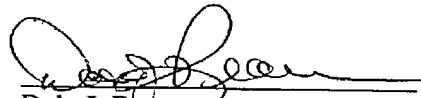
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Sir:

I, Gary Lee Hawk hereby declare as follows:

1. That I am a joint inventor of the invention contained in the above-identified patent application; and

2. That I am now over 65 years of age.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these

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